

**Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

# Memorandum

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**Subj:** Hotline: Review of Alleged Contracting Irregularities for Leadership VA, Project 2011 01391-R4-0093

**To:** Linda Halliday, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluations (52A)

In March 2011, this office began a review of an allegation that Office of Human Research and Administration (OHR&A) officials obtained consulting services from a contractor to redesign Leadership VA (LVA) before a task order was obligated and awarded. The complainant reported that OHR&A officials met with Carney Inc. staff in mid December 2010 while a task order was still pending. We did not substantiate the allegation.

Through an interagency agreement (IA) with VA, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) provided contract support for a VA initiative that included the re-design of LVA program. On June 14, 2010 OPM awarded a valid task order, which according to OPM, was based on solicitation, offer and acceptance by the government in the form of a signed task order.

The allegation concerning the contracting irregularities for Leadership VA is unsubstantiated, and we did not make any recommendations.

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